

Huntington PTO Meeting

October 12, 2023

Attendees

Board Members- Ann Yarka, President; Nick Heffron, Treasurer; (Vacant), Vice President; Dorothy Dermott, Secretary

Administrators- Dan Killenbec, Principal; Abby Dempsey, Vice Principal,

Teachers- Ms Archie, Ms. Stroman, Mr. Curringa

Family Engagement Officer-

Parents- Jenn, Jesse, Jamie, Erik (Superintendent council representative), Jen, Suanny, Adolfo

Approval previous minutes Nick motioned to approve, Dorothy seconded, all voted in favor.

Board Member Report

Nick Heffron: September Activity: Mums sale brought in \$300. Insurance payment out. NJHS had popcorn sale and pancake breakfast. Pre-K spent some money on end of year activities: Grand total \$18,966 in PTO Account

Family Engagement

We have a new program aid named Tara Braun. The school was recently approved for 10,000 in fund money for family engagement purposes. The school is looking into planning a Fall/winter ELA night, Spring math night, Resource night, family engagement night, 8th grade ceremony. Alyssa Vadala- School support staff

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Admin Report

Dan: Been here 3 months- Best job he's had in his 12 years. Huntington Level 2, 3, 4 (referrals) down over 50% compared to last year (101 last October, only 7 so far this month). Attendance is up about 3%, we are just under 90% attendance. NYS assessment data proficiency scores increased by about 8% (math), same (ELA). Redesigning some of the student management data. Discipline numbers are down and attendance is up.

Future Events

Gertrude Hawk (Spring)- Last year 16k sold (8K came to Huntington)

Christmas gift wrap fundraiser?

Ann has talked to Navs about selling popcorn for a fundraiser, left a message with them. Jamie has done this in the past but there was not a good return. A better option is Krispy Kreme. Geddes Bakery does a pie fundraiser (earn \$5 per pie)

We will be doing the Poinsettias and Wreaths

Gertrude hawk does the candy boxes as well, 48 dollars a case, sell bars for \$2 and get the money back

Places that can do fundraisers: Chipotle, Texas Roadhouse, Applebee's, Tully's, Chuck e Cheese, Red Robin, Panera, 5 Below, Sky Zone
Oliver Paine Company Greenhouse (Mums)

5th Grade will be doing BINGO twice this year

Discussion about choosing a couple of the "store/restaurant" fundraisers for the fall. We could do a night with Moes/5 Below/Blaze Pizza. Do also a night with Chuck e Cheese.

Dorothy will print out a cracked bean flyer and put in mailboxes for teachers.

Parent brought up that we are not doing dances/movies? It is difficult to support with just the three board members. Last year we did do a movie night but there was very poor attendance.

The school has spirit days/spirit week. This is usually before ELA assessment. There is also spirit/special days on Fridays. It is difficult to get the Elementary and Middle school doing the same things. There is a big push to get more parents into the school.

Per Ann- we tried having a dance last year (8th grade semi-formal) Ms Dempsey: Middle schoolers have asked for a winter formal and a semi formal in the spring. Mr. Killenbec- Admin will work on getting committees together for that. Ms. Dempsey: K-5 will be participating in Costume Parade. Admin will look at how many students are not participating and will arrange appropriate alternate activities.

Ms. Archie has been in touch with Officer Black about the fun night w/ police- she is out on medical leave and doesn't know when she will be returning but she will get back to Ms. Archie when she gets back.

Teachers would like to bring back the science fair (In the gym) and have family resources set up in the cafeteria. Other ideas: Career day, Rocket Fest,

Will shoot for Five Below fundraiser dates in early December

Chuck e cheese- Save for springtime.

Ms. Stroman and Mrs. Dempsey are going to work on a movie night (at Henninger)

Meeting Adjourned 7:34